## COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Honorable Chair and Members of the County Council County of Maui Wailuku, Maui, Hawaii

## Chair and Members:

Your Planning Committee, having met on March 20, 2014, and July 31, 2014, makes reference to County Communication 13-382, from the Planning Director, transmitting the following reports entitled:

- 1. "County of Maui, Repetitive Loss Properties Floodplain Management Plan Updated 2013"; and
- 2. "County of Maui, Repetitive Loss Properties Floodplain Management Plan, Annual Evaluation Report: September 2013".

These reports were transmitted in compliance with Resolution 01-141. Resolution 01-141 adopted the Maui County Repetitive Loss Properties Floodplain Management Plan ("Plan"), and requires the Planning Director to provide annual status reports to the Council on the implementation of the Plan.

Your Committee received an overview of the Plan and its implementation from the Deputy Planning Director and representatives from the Department of Planning. The Plan was adopted in 2001 to satisfy requirements of the Federal Emergency Management Agency ("FEMA") National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System. The Plan identifies properties experiencing repeated flooding and recommends various preventive measures.

Your Committee sought information on whether drainage-related capital improvements have reduced flooding in any of the areas identified in the Plan. The Director of Public Works provided information on capital improvements affecting floodplains in Kihei, Lahaina, and Wailuku, and reported positive impacts on some floodplain areas.

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The Director of Public Works further informed your Committee the Department has submitted a "Letter of Map Revision" to FEMA to request revisions to the floodplain maps related to recent Iao Stream-area improvements. A Letter of Map Revision is a request to amend floodplain map boundaries to remove an area from a floodplain zone. The Director stated the County is awaiting FEMA's response.

Your Committee voted 6-0 to recommend filing of the communication. Committee Chair Couch, Vice-Chair Victorino, and members Baisa, Crivello, Guzman, and White voted "aye". Committee member Cochran was excused.

Your Planning Committee RECOMMENDS that County Communication 13-382 be FILED.

This report is submitted in accordance with Rule 8 of the Rules of the Council.

DONALD G. COUCH, JR., Chair

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